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SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE AND METHOD FOR MANUFACTURING SAME

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

The following preliminary amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 10 of this paper.